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THE  
**T R I A L**  
OF  
**SIR FRANCIS BLAKE DELAVAL,**

**KNIGHT OF THE BATH**

AT THE

**Consistory Court of DOCTORS COMMONS,**

For Committing *Adultery* with Miss Roach,  
alias Miss La Roche, alias Miss Le Roche.

This Trial was instituted by Lady Isabella  
Delaval, wife of Sir Francis Blake Delaval,  
and Daughter of the Earl of Thanet.

To which is added,

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OF  
**GEORGE FITZGERALD, Esq;**

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OF THE

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**MISS ANN GATELEY,**

**WHO WAS ONCE A  
PUPIL TO THE HERO**

**OF THE  
FOLLOWING HISTORY;**

*Under whose Instructions she became*

**QUALIFIED TO SHINE ON THE  
STAGE OF THE THEATRE,**

**AS WELL AS ON THE  
STAGE OF LIFE;**

**THE FOLLOWING SHEETS ARE  
MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED;**

**BY ONE WHO ADMIRES HER TALENTS,  
AND  
REVERES HER FOR HER BENEVOLENCE,  
SENTIMENT, AND GENEROSITY.**

P R E F A C E.

THE ladies who have committed matrimonial *faux pas*, have been so unmercifully handled in a variety of late publications, that I am determined to stand forth their champion: I would not have it understood that I mean to justify their conduct, or that I wish to throw a veil over the fashionable vices of the age. It must however be admitted, that, among all the trials for infidelity, which have hitherto been ushered into the world, care has been taken not to insert a *single one* that has been instituted *against the men*:—the *ladies only* have been exposed.—And why? Because the men have been the editors and publishers!—How illiberal, unjust, and partial are such proceedings!

Poor Mrs. Newton, in particular, has experienced the utmost severity: her conduct and behaviour has been particularly and minutely exhibited to the public, in a recent publication.—And the singularity of the facts appearing on her trial, have excited universal curiosity; her amours have been universally read; and she has consequently been universally exposed: though, on account of her youth, and the age and imbecility of her husband, her wanderings may admit of some palliation.

If infidelity to the marriage-bed is criminal in women, it cannot be less so in the *Lords of the Creation*, who are ever seeking whom they may devour; who make it almost the business of their lives to cajole, seduce, and destroy; and afterwards revile and detest the too credulous fair one, whom they have, by their own wiles, drawn into the paths of destruction.

The trial of Sir Francis Blake Delaval, is instituted by the *wife against the husband*, and therefore I have given it to the public. Guided by impartiality, I thought it ungenerous and despicable to exhibit the frailties of the ladies only, whom, it is our duty (and ought to be our inclination) to protect and defend.

I have added the trial of Mr. Fitzgerald, because that is also instituted against a brutal husband, by a virtuous, amiable, and much-injured wife.

My services shall ever be devoted to the ladies; and, though they may have a more *able* advocate to stand forth in their defence, they cannot find an individual who more anxiously wishes them uninterrupted happiness and unsullied reputation.

S. B.



**T R I A L**  
**OF**  
*Sir Francis Blake Delaval,*

**KNIGHT OF THE BATH,**  
**For committing A D U L T E R Y.**  
*On January 28th, 1755, upon the Libel given*  
*by Major, dated November 7th, 1754.*

*The Deposition of John Lacam.*

**JOHN LACAM**, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, jeweller, aged twenty-nine years and upwards, a witness produced, sworn, and examined.

To the third, fourth, and fifth articles of the said libel, he deposeth, that he is intimately acquainted with Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; one of the parties in this suit, and husband of the Lady Isabella Delaval, the other party in this suit; that he

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hath known him for about nine years :  
saith, that he very well knows, and is ac-  
quainted with the articulate Lady Isabella  
Delaval, by having several times visited  
the said Lady and her husband, at their  
house in Dover-street, Westminster ; and  
that his first acquaintance of the said Lady  
Isabella, came by means of her marriage  
with the deponent's acquaintance, the said  
Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; she being a  
stranger to the deponent until within a  
week of her marriage, which the depo-  
nent believes to be now upwards of four  
years since. Saith, that the said Lady  
Isabella Delaval, is, as the deponent hath  
heard and believes, the daughter of the  
Right Hon. Thomas Earl of Thanet, and  
was soberly and virtuously brought up  
and educated, as he believes, and during  
the deponent's acquaintance with her, al-  
ways behaved with great affability and  
politeness ; and the deponent esteems and  
looks on the said lady to be a person of a  
modest, sober, chaste, and virtuous life :  
that he knows not any of her relations or  
friends, and therefore cannot depose to  
what they may think of her ; but, with  
regard to himself, the deponent again  
saith, he looks on her as a virtuous per-  
son, notwithstanding the calumny of the  
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world may have said or reported things to her prejudice in point of virtue. And further, the deponent saith, that he knows of no criminal correspondence whatsoever of the aforesaid Francis Blake Delaval, with the articulate Elizabeth Raroche, otherwife La Roche, otherwife Le Roche, otherwife Le Rouch, otherwife Roach, or any woman who goes by that name. Saith, that he the deponent has seen the articulate Francis Blake Delaval, with one Miss Roach, whom the deponent believes to be the articulate Elizabeth La Roche, at divers public places together; but never saw or observed any indecent familiarity between them: and further he knows not to depose.

JOHN LACAM.

Repeated same day, and acknowledged before Dr. George Harris, surrogate.

NATHANIEL BISHOP, N. P.

*January 28th, 1755.**The Deposition of William Lyes, upon the libel  
aforesaid.*

**WILLIAM LYES**, of the parish of St. George, Hanover-square, Middlesex, gentleman's servant, aged twenty-one years and upwards, a witness produced, sworn, and examined.

To the third article of the said libel, he deposeth, that he is now servant to Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; one of the parties in this suit, and husband to the producent, and hath lived with the said Mr. Delaval upwards of two years, and by that means came to know, as well the said Mr. Delaval as the Lady Isabella his wife. And the deponent saith, that he knows nothing to the contrary of the said Lady Isabella being a person of a sober, modest, chaste, and virtuous life: and further to the said article he knows not to depose, save that the said Lady Isabella is of the family of the Thanets, as he hath heard.

To the fourth and fifth articles of the said libel, he deposeth, that he hath seen his master, the said Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; several times at the house of the articulate



ticulate Elifabeth Roche, who was called Miss Roach, and as well at her house in Poland-street, in the liberty of Westminster, as at her house in Clarges-street, Piccadilly, in the liberty of Westminster, where the said Mr. Delaval hath dined frequently with the said Miss Roach; and the deponent hath at such times attended his said master, and the deponent hath brought from his master's house apparel and linen for his said master to dress at the house of the said Miss Roach, as well whilst she lived in Poland-street, as where she now lives in Clarges-street aforesaid. Saith, that the time the deponent first attended his said master at the house of the said Miss Roach, was about this time twelvemonths past, and that he hath attended his said master several times there, as well at dinner as in the morning and afternoon, during the spring of last year, at Miss Roach's house in Poland-street, and several times lately, (the last time within a fortnight) at Miss Roach's house in Clarges-street; but saith, that he doth not know of any criminal correspondence between the said Miss Roach and his master; nor did the deponent ever see or observe any indecent familiarities between the said Mr. Delaval and Miss Roach;  
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nor doth he know that Mr. Delaval ever lay at the house of the said Miss Roach, or had any adulterous conversation with her.

**WILLIAM LYFS.**

*January 28th, 1755.*

*The Deposition of Barney Hickman.*

**BARNEY HICKMAN**, of the parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the county of Middlesex, gentleman's servant, aged twenty-one years, deposeth, that he is groom to Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; one of the parties in this suit, and hath served him in that capacity for above four years; and that, when he first came into his said master's service, his master was newly married to the Lady Delaval, the producent in this cause, whose name before was Powlett, as the deponent hath heard: he further saith, that, by coming into the service of Mr. Delaval, he first came to know him and his said lady (the other party in this suit) whose Christian name the deponent knows not. He further saith,



saith, that his business was always in the stable, to take care of the horses; and he knows nothing of the conversation or disposition of the said lady, the producent, otherwise than she was very good tempered to the deponent as a servant, when he happened to be in her presence, which was very seldom, (not above three or four times) and he knows nothing to the contrary of the producent's being a virtuous person.

He further deposeth, that he hath called upon his master, Mr. Delaval, to take his orders in the deponent's duty as groom, as well at the house of one Miss Roach, in Poland-street, as at the house of the said Miss Roach in Clarges-street, Piccadilly; but the deponent saith, he does not remember to have seen his master there always, by reason he has been with company, and did not speak to, or see the deponent at such times. He also saith, that he hath attended his master and the said Miss Roach, when they have rode out on horseback together to take an airing, sometime in the beginning of last summer; and he hath attended them several times; and when they have come back to Hyde-Park Corner, they used to take coach, and the deponent carried back the horses to  
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the stable. He further saith, that he doth not remember to have seen his master and Miss Roach present together, at either of her houses in Poland-street or Clarges-street; and he knows not that his master ever lay at either of the houses of the said Miss Roach; nor does he know of any criminal correspondence or adulterous behaviour between Mr. Delaval and Miss Roach, or of any indecent familiarity between them; nor did he ever observe any indecencies between them: and further he cannot depose, save that at the time the deponent attended his master and Miss Roach on horseback, they used to come to the stables for the horses, sometimes in a coach, and sometimes on foot.

**BARNEY HICKMAN.**

January 28th, 1755.

*The Deposition of Aaron Williamson.*

**AARON WILLIAMSON**, of the parish of St. George, Hanover-square, gentleman's servant, aged twenty-one years and upwards, deposeth, that he came to know



know Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; and his lady, the producent in this cause, (whose christian name he knows not) by his coming to live with the said Mr. Delaval, as his postillion for some time; and for these four years and upwards, by his being coachman to Mr. Delaval: that, since he first entered into his said master's service, it is now five years, come the first of April next: that the said lady (the wife of Mr. Delaval) is, for any thing he knows to the contrary, a person of a virtuous life and conversation.

He further saith, that, within these three years last past, he hath at sundry times attended Mr. Delaval with his chariot, at the house of one Miss Roach, who first lived in Cavendish-square, then in Clarges-street, then in Portland-street, and afterwards in Clarges-street again: that sometimes Miss Roach used to be set down at the Park by herself, and the deponent afterwards carried his master elsewhere; and sometimes he hath set down both his master and Miss Roach at the Park, and afterwards carried them back again to Miss Roach's house: that the deponent, never but once, as he remembers, saw Mr. Delaval and Miss Roach in a room together, and that was in Decem-

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ber last, at Miss Roach's house in Clarges street; but the deponent saith, he neither did, at such time, nor at any other time whatever, observe, nor doth he know of any criminal acquaintance, correspondence, or conversation, between Mr. Delaval and Miss Roach, nor of any adulterous behaviour, or indecent familiarity between them; nor doth he know that Mr. Delaval ever lay at either of the houses of the said Miss Roach, or that he ever quitted the cohabitation of his lady, until the commencement of this suit.

The mark of AARON WILLIAMSON.

January 28th, 1755.

*The Deposition of Robert Quarme, on the libel given in by Bellas.*

ROBERT QUARME, of the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, Esq; aged about thirty-eight years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the sixth article of the said libel, he deposes and says, that he very well knows  
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and is acquainted with Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; the party producent in this cause, and has so known and been acquainted with him for several years, and such his acquaintance began by often meeting him with Colonel Wede, with whom this deponent then was, and now is intimate: that soon after the report of the said Mr. Delaval being married to Lady Isabella Pawlett, now Delaval, party in this cause (but how long it is since that time, he cannot recollect) one day before dinner, he this deponent met the said Mr. Delaval in Pall Mall, in the county of Middlesex, and he the said Mr. Delaval then asked this deponent to dine with him on that day; and this deponent accordingly went with the said Mr. Delaval to his the said Mr. Delaval's house, situate in Dover-street, in the said county of Middlesex, and then dined with the said Mr. Delaval, in company with Lady Delaval, the party in this cause, who sat at the upper end of the table. And this deponent can depose of his being in company with her said ladyship: that in the night of the sixteenth day of this present month of January, he this deponent being then in company with the said Mr. Delaval, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Du-

pree, and one Mr. Saunders, at the Cardigan-head tavern, at Charing Cross, in the county aforesaid, he the said Mr. Delaval then and there told this deponent, and the said company, that he the said Mr. Delaval was informed, that his wife (meaning the said Isabella Delaval) was that night to be at Haddock's bagnio at Charing Cross aforesaid, with a man who went by the name of Brown, and said he should be glad to be satisfied of the truth thereof; and desired this deponent, and the rest of the said company, to go to such bagnio, in order to see if they could catch the said Lady Delaval in bed with such man; and it was then agreed, that Mr. Dupree, who this deponent understood very well knows Lady Delaval, should go first, and send word if he could find she was there; and the said Mr. Dupree went accordingly, and very soon afterwards (it being then between eleven and twelve o'clock of the said night) a message came to this deponent, and the rest of the said company, that her ladyship was there; whereupon this deponent, and the said Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Saunders, went to the said bagnio, and the said Mr. Dupree opened a room-door of the said bagnio, where the said Lady Isabella was said to be;



be ; and they the said Mr. Dupree, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Saunders, and this deponent, all went into the said room, and Mr. Dupree having a candle in his hand, he plainly saw a man and woman, at least they appeared so to be, naked in bed together ; but to say whether the woman was Lady Delaval or not, he cannot say, neither does he know who the man was, but is certain it was not Mr. Delaval : otherwise this deponent knows not to depose.

ROBERT QUARME.

*January 28th, 1755.*

*The Deposition of John Shaw, on the libel  
aforesaid.*

JOHN SHAW, of the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, in the county of Middlesex, Esq; aged forty-four years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the sixth article of the said libel, he deposes and saith, that he very well knows Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; and the Right Hon. Lady Isabella Delaval, the parties in  
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this cause : that he has been intimate with the said Mr. Delaval, for several years last past ; and has several times been in company with the said Lady Isabella Delaval : that in the evening of Thursday the sixteenth day of January instant, he this deponent went to the house of one Mr. Formentell, situate in Bond-street, in the county of Middlesex, having been sent for by the said Mr. Delaval, where he found him the said Mr. Delaval, in company with one Mr. Saunders, and one Mr. Dupree, who lodged at such house ; and after this deponent had been there some time, Mr. Quarne came into their company there ; and the said Mr. Delaval, after Mr. Quarne came in, desired this deponent to go with him into another room ; and this deponent accordingly went with Mr. Delaval into such room, and Mr. Delaval then told this deponent, he was informed that his wife (meaning Lady Isabella Delaval) lay with more men than himself, and that he had set people to watch her for six weeks or two months ; and that, from such people, he understood that she had several lodgings, and that she went at such lodgings by the name of Brown ; and that he (Mr. Delaval) should be informed where she was to be with a  
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strange gentleman that night, and desired this deponent would go along with him in search of her; and, if he did not find her that night, desired that this deponent would go along with him some other night, to which this deponent agreed, and they both went into their said company; and, whilst this deponent continued at the said house, Mr. Delaval called all the company out, one by one, as he had done this deponent, as before deposed; but afterwards freely talked before them all of his wife's infidelity. And this deponent further saith, that about ten or eleven o'clock at night, of the sixteenth day of January instant, this deponent and the said company, at the desire of Mr. Delaval, all went to a tavern at Charing Cross, in the county of Middlesex, except Mr. Dupree, who had left them at the door of such tavern, but did not say where he was going; and Mr. Delaval, Mr. Quarne, Mr. Saunders, and this deponent, went into such tavern, which, as he best remembers, was the Cardigan-head; and, after they had stayed there some time, Mr. Quarne received a card, but from whom he knows not; and, after he had read it, he asked this deponent to go along with him, but did not say where or for what; and it was

was then about eleven o'clock of the said night : and Mr. Delaval, or some one in company (but he is not certain who it was) said, let us all go together ; and they accordingly all followed Mr. Quarme to Haddock's bagnio, at Charing Cross, except Mr. Delaval (who stood at the door of the said bagnio) and there met Mr. Dupree, who asked them to walk up stairs ; and they the said Mr. Quarme, Mr. Dupree, Mr. Saunders, and this deponent, accordingly all went into a room up two pair of stairs ; and, after staying some time there, they heard somebody talking, which this deponent took to be the voice of a woman ; and Mr. Dupree then told them, that Lady Delaval (meaning Lady Isabella Delaval, a party in this cause) was in a room very near that in which they were, and that the voice they heard was her ladyship's : and Mr. Dupree then took a candle in his hand, and desired this deponent and the other gentlemen to follow him, which they accordingly did ; and Mr. Delaval (it being then, as this deponent believes, between eleven and twelve o'clock) opened a room-door, on the same stair-case where Mr. Dupree said Lady Isabella Delaval was, and they all went into such room, except that this deponent  
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is not certain whether Mr. Saunders was in the said room or not, but remembers seeing him just without the door of such room, as this deponent came out of it: and this deponent (there being a great fire in the room, and a candle or candles lighted in such room) plainly saw Lady Isabella Delaval, and a strange man, then unknown to this deponent, in naked bed together, and is certain such man was not Mr. Delaval. This deponent further saith, that since the time of his seeing Lady Delaval in such bed, with such strange man, he has seen such man, and very well remembered him to be the same person he saw in bed with Lady Delaval, and has heard that his name is Craig.

JOHN SHAW.

*January 30th, 1755.*

*The Deposition of Susanna Yerb.*

SUSANNA YERB, of the parish of St. Clement Danes, in the county of Middlesex, spinster, aged about seventeen years, deposeth and saith, that she has

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lived in the capacity of a servant with Mrs. Mary Irons, in Beaufort Buildings, in the county of Middlesex, for a month, and as much as since last Tuesday, but is paid no wages: that, when this deponent first came to live at Mrs. Irons's, a gentleman, who went by the name of Brown, and a lady whom this deponent looked upon to be the wife of the said Mr. Brown, had an apartment at the said house; but this deponent never knew of either of them staying there all night; and there was no bed in such apartment: that Mr. Brown paid off or quitted such apartment this day se'ennight; and, during the time of Mr. Brown and such lady's having the said apartment, after this deponent came to live at Mrs. Irons's, the said lady, who went or was called by no other name or title than Madam, came four times to such apartment, and used to stay about two hours at a time; and at such times this deponent used to wait upon her there, and was to have been her servant, and was sent for from Chatham for that purpose, but the lady did not think her big enough: that she never saw Mr. Brown, or the said gentleman who went by that name, at such apartment but three times; twice with the said lady, and the



the other time when he paid off or quit-  
ted such apartment. And this deponent  
further saith, that she never knew of the  
said lady, and the said Mr. Brown, being  
alone together at such apartment, but once,  
which was for about half an hour, the last  
time they were there together, which is  
now about a fortnight since: that this de-  
ponent, last Tuesday, talked and conversed  
with Lady Delaval, a party in this cause,  
at her house in Pall Mall, and knew her  
to be the same person that was at the a-  
partment at the said Mrs. Irons's, with  
the said Mr. Brown, or the gentleman  
who went by that name, as aforesaid, and  
whom this deponent waited upon there:  
that, to her knowledge, she never saw  
Mr. Delaval, the other party in this cause;  
and otherwise this deponent knows not  
to depose, save that she never saw Lady  
Delaval in bed.

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The mark of SUSANNA YERB.

*January 30th, 1755.**The Deposition of James Williams.*

JAMES WILLIAMS, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, chairman, aged about thirty-three years, deposeth and saith, that he hath very well known Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; the party in this cause, by sight, for several years; that he has also known the Right Hon. Lady Isabella Delaval, (wife of the said Mr. Delaval) the other party in this cause, for several years; that her ladyship lives and resides in Pall Mall, in the county of Middlesex, and has so done from about a week or fortnight after Michaelmas last; during all which time, till yesterday, this deponent has plyed there, and within that time of his so plying there, has several times in an evening (and particularly in the month of December last) carried her said ladyship in his chair, to the house of one Mr. or Mrs. Irons's, situate in Beaufort Buildings; and always left her there, except the first time of his carrying her there, which was either in the month of November or December last, when he stayed for her about  
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two hours, and then brought her home to her said house: that he never carried her ladyship to any other place, except twice, once to Mr. Vaugher's, a sedan chair-maker near Piccadilly, where she went to see a chair, and brought her home; and the other time, to the intelligence-office for servants, near St. James's market, where he left her: that he knows nothing of her intrigues; but he believes her ladyship and her said husband have not lived or resided together since she came to live in Pall Mall; he further saith, that he never knew of her going by any other name than Lady Delaval, and Lady Nassau Pawlett.

JAMES WILLIAMS.

*January 30th, 1755.*

*The Deposition of Balthazard Anthony Les-*  
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BALTHAZARD ANTHONY LES-  
CALLIER, of the parish of St. Anne,  
Westminster, in the county of Middle-  
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fex, wine-merchant, aged thirty-six years;  
a witness produced and sworn.

To the third article of the said libel,  
he deposeth and saith, that he very well  
knows Francis Blake Delaval, Esq. and  
the Right Hon. Lady Isabella Delaval his  
wife, the parties in this cause, that he first  
became acquainted with Mr. Delaval about  
six or seven years ago, by frequently be-  
ing in his company in different parts of  
the town, and afterwards served him with  
wine, and became acquainted with the  
said Lady Delaval about two years ago,  
by several times receiving orders from her  
for wine to be sent to Mr. Delaval's said  
house: that he knows nothing of her lady-  
ship's intrigues, but saith, that some time  
in the last summer was twelvemonths,  
since he, this deponent, being one even-  
ing at the house of one Mrs. Dopping in  
Princes-street, near Hanover-square in the  
county of Middlesex (whom this deponent  
used to serve with wine) then met Lady  
Delaval, and drank tea with her there,  
and, as he best remembers, left her there,  
but whether her said ladyship had any  
lodgings or apartment in such house, or  
in any other house in Princes-street, or in  
any secret or suspicious place this deponent  
knows not; and further saith, that in  
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about a few days after he had been so in company with her said ladyship at Mrs. Dopping's, he, this deponent, being again at Mrs. Dopping's, saw her ladyship's coach standing at the said Mrs. Dopping's door, and Mrs. Dopping told this deponent she was going to the said Lady Delaval's, that he does not know whether any of her ladyship's friends, relations, or acquaintance, visited or used to be at such house, neither does he know whether Mr. Delaval at that time knew of Lady Delaval's visiting, or being at the said Mrs. Dopping's house aforesaid, and otherwise he knows not to depose.

B. ANT. LESCALLIER,

*January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1755.*

*The Deposition of Paul Saunders.*

PAUL SAUNDERS, of the parish of St. Anne, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, upholder, aged thirty-one years, deposeth and saith, that he very well knows Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; and the Right Hon. Lady Isabella Delaval,

val, his wife, and has known them for several years, and has frequently done business for them in the way of his trade of an upholder: that, on Thursday the sixteenth of this instant January, this deponent being with the said Mr. Delaval, at one Mr. Dupree's lodgings in Bond-street, Mr. Delaval did then and there inform this deponent, that he had heard that Lady Delaval kept company with a gentleman (meaning besides himself) and that he was informed she was to be with such gentleman, at Haddock's bagnio at Charing-cross that evening, and desired this deponent would accompany him there, where he said he believed he should find the said gentleman and her ladyship together: that at first this deponent refused to go with Mr. Delaval, but afterwards consented; and accordingly, about twelve o'clock at night, accompanied Mr. Delaval, Mr. Robert Quarme, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Dupree, to the said bagnio, and they all, except Mr. Delaval, went up stairs there; and, as they were going into a room, this deponent and the rest of the company heard a woman's voice, in another room they passed by; and this deponent did then, and now does verily believe, that such voice was that of Lady Delaval, whose  
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voice this deponent was, and is very well acquainted with; and very soon afterwards, Mr. Dupree took a lighted candle in his hand, and went to the door of the room where they heard such woman's voice; and this deponent and the rest of the company followed him there, and the said Mr. Dupree opened such door, and he, Mr. Quarne, and Mr. Shaw, went into such room, but this deponent stayed without the door, and he then heard a man's voice, as being very angry at the intrusion; and Mr. Dupree make an excuse for such intrusion, but heard no names mentioned; and Mr. Dupree, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Quarne, immediately came out of such room; and otherwise this deponent knows not to depose, save that when Mr. Dupree and the other gentlemen were come out of such room, Mr. Dupree and Mr. Shaw both declared that they saw Lady Delaval in bed with a strange gentleman unknown to them, in such room.

PAUL SAUNDERS.

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*January 31st, 1755.**The Deposition of James Dupree.*

JAMES DUPREE, of the parish of St. James, in the county of Middlesex, Esq; aged about forty-four years, a witness produced and sworn.

To the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth articles of the said libel, he deposeth and saith, that he very well knows Francis Blake Delaval, Esq; and the Right Hon. Lady Isabella Delaval, the parties in this cause: that he first became acquainted with the said Mr. Delaval, about nine or ten years ago, at which time he the said Mr. Delaval was a gentleman-commoner of Christ-Church College, and his acquaintance with him continued from that time to this: that he this deponent has been acquainted with the said lady Delaval for about two years, and became first acquainted with her said ladyship, by his having an apartment in Mr. Delaval's house in Dover-street, in the county of Middlesex, where he continued to live and lodge for about a year, ending about a year since, at which time Mr. Delaval quitted house-keeping: that some little  
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time before he the said Mr. Delaval so quitted house-keeping, her said ladyship eloped for some time from her husband, and had, as this deponent hath heard and believes, but does not know it of his own knowledge, a house or apartment in Princess-street, near Hanover-square, in the county aforesaid: that on Thursday the sixteenth day of January instant, the said Mr. Delaval, the party in this cause, Mr. Robert Quarne, Mr. Paul Saunders, and Mr. John Shaw, being all at this deponent's lodgings, in Old Bond-street, in the county of Middlesex, he the said Mr. Delaval, then and there, on the said day, told this deponent (after having called him out from the rest of the company) that he Mr. Delaval was informed of an intrigue that had been carrying on for some time, between his wife the said Lady Delaval, and a strange gentleman; and that he was informed, that his said lady and the said gentleman, were that night to be together, but where he did not then mention, but desired this deponent to be upon the watch that evening, meaning at Haddock's bagnio, at Charing Cross, in order to see if she came there, where this deponent agreed to be, and, as Mr. Delaval told this deponent, he had placed others at other

places for the same purpose ; and Mr. Delaval having called all the rest of the said company out, one by one, as he had done this deponent, they all, in the evening of the said day, went from this deponent's lodgings together, to the Cardigan-head tavern at Charing Cross, and this deponent left them at the door of the said tavern, and went, at the desire of the said Mr. Delaval, to the said bagnio, and called for a room there, and was introduced into one up stairs ; after staying some little time there, he heard a voice which came from a room near that in which he was, and which voice he thought to be Lady Delaval's, with which this deponent was, and is acquainted ; whereupon this deponent sent a note to the said tavern, directed to Mr. Quarme, desiring him to come immediately there, having been directed so to do by the said Mr. Delaval, if her ladyship was at such bagnio ; and immediately, it being then about twelve o'clock of the night of the said sixteenth day of January instant, the said Mr. Quarme, attended by the said Mr. Saunders and Mr. Shaw, came to the said bagnio, and after their staying some little time in the room where this deponent then was, and having put the door upon the



the jar, they all heard the said voice again, which this deponent and Mr. Saunders agreed was Lady Delaval's; upon which, this deponent speaking to the rest of the company, said, Gentlemen, if you will follow me, I will rush into the room, meaning into the room where the said voice came from, to which they all agreed; upon which this deponent went to, and opened the door of such room, and went in, and Mr. Quarne and Mr. Shaw followed him into such room, and Mr. Saunders stayed without, as this deponent believes, and there being a candle or candles lighted, and a fine fire in the said room, he this deponent, and the said Mr. Quarne and Mr. Shaw, plainly saw Lady Isabella Delaval, the party in this cause, and one Mr. Craig, naked, in one and the same bed together; which Mr. Craig was, and is known by this deponent as a coffee-house acquaintance only; and otherwise this deponent knows not to depose, save that he hath often heard Mr. Delaval talk of his wife's intrigues.

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OF  
**GEORGE FITZGERALD, Esq;**

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November 22d, 1753,

*The Deposition of Abigail Beger.*

**A**BIGAIL BEGER, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, widow, aged forty years and upwards, deposeth and saith, that she has known George Fitzgerald, Esq; and the Right Hon. Lady Mary Fitzgerald his wife (the parties in this cause) for about a year; and came to know them by their buying muslins, and such like things, of this deponent; she dealing in the millinery way: that the said Lady Mary was and is reputed and taken to be the grand-daughter of the late Right Hon. John, Earl of Bristol, deceased;

ceased; and daughter of the late Right Hon. John Lord Hervey, his son; and the natural and lawful sister of the present Right Hon. George William, now Earl of Bristol: that the said Lady Mary was, and now is, a person of a sober, modest, chaste, and virtuous life and conversation; and of a meek, mild, and affable temper and disposition, as this deponent verily believes; and such is she generally esteemed to be by her relations, friends, and acquaintance.

She further deposeth and saith, that the said George Fitzgerald, Esq; was, and is (as she verily believes) a person of a loose, profligate life and conversation: and an adulterer; also a person of a malicious, cruel, and barbarous temper and disposition; and was and is so commonly reputed to be by those who are acquainted with him.

This deponent further saith, that she very well knows Diana Diamond, who now lodges at the house of William Scott, in Cleveland-row, in the parish of St. James, Westminster, and has so done for near two years; that this deponent came first to know her by serving her in the millinery way: that on or about the eleventh of October last (as this deponent  
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best remembers the time to be) this deponent had occasion to go, and did go, to the said Diana Diamond's lodgings, and was told by her maid that she was gone out in a post-chaise with a gentleman, and that she expected her home every minute; and, it being then about seven o'clock in the evening, this deponent stayed; and, after staying some little time, the said Mrs. Diamond came home in company with the said George Fitzgerald, Esq; and Mrs. Diamond told this deponent, that she and Mr. Fitzgerald had been to Putney bowling-green house: and this deponent the same evening, between seven and eight o'clock, saw Mr. Fitzgerald and Diana Diamond, at her said lodgings, in one and the same bed together, naked or undressed. And this deponent saith, she hath seen the said Diana Diamond and Mr. Fitzgerald together in the Green-park, Westminster, and Drury-lane play-house.

To the exhibits, marked A and B, this deponent saith, she believes the said Mr. Fitzgerald still continues to keep company with Diana Diamond; but this deponent does not know it of her own knowledge: that on the Wednesday se'n-night, after this deponent had so seen

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Mr. Fitzgerald and Diana Diamond in bed together, this deponent being at the said Diana Diamond's lodgings, she saw the two exhibits, (being a card and a cover thereto) in Diana Diamond's maid's hands, and she took them from her, having first looked at them; and she is very certain the said two exhibits are the same which she took from the said maid, by the blot in the first line but one on the card, over the word *Mrs.* and by the seal on the cover, in which the said card was inclosed, as this deponent believes; which this deponent then observed when she took it from the maid: she further saith, that she does not know Mr. Fitzgerald's hand-writing, but believes, by the words *Mr. Fitzgerald's compliments to Mrs. Diamond*, wrote on the said card, were meant and intended the compliments of George Fitzgerald, Esq; party in this cause, to the said Diana Diamond; and by the superscription on the said cover, marked B, *A Madam la Comtesse de*—was meant and intended the said Diana Diamond, as this deponent verily believes; and that by the words, *Wednesday, past ten o'clock*, wrote on the said card, were meant and intended the Wednesday this deponent received or took the same from the said Mrs. Diamond's



mond's maid; and the Wednesday se'n-  
night following the evening of the day  
that this deponent saw Mrs. Diamond and  
Mr. Fitzgerald in bed together.

This deponent further saith, that she  
believes the said Diana Diamond to be a  
person of unchaste life and conversation;  
and one who, for gain or reward, has and  
would (as this deponent believes) suffer  
some persons to lay with her; and for  
such a person she is commonly reputed  
and taken to be by her friends and ac-  
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*The same witness to interrogatories on behalf  
of George Fitzgerald, Esq;*

To the first interrogatory, this respon-  
dent saith, that she comes to be examined  
a witness in this cause at the request of  
Lady Mary Fitzgerald: that she has not  
received, neither does she expect to re-  
ceive any thing, save for her expences and  
loss of time, in coming to be examined in  
this cause; but believes Lady Mary will  
be her friend, and will recommend her  
to what business she can: that she has  
been at several consultations (but how  
many she cannot say) in relation to this

cause with Lady Mary's friends; particularly with Mrs. Eleanor Judith Diotigardi, and the said Eleanor's father, mother, sisters and cousins; and, at such consultations, was desired only to speak the truth. She further saith, at such consultations, the cruelty of Mr. Fitzgerald to Lady Mary, was always mentioned.

To the second interrogatory she saith, that she has known the ministrant about a year; that she became acquainted with him by selling him a pair of point ruffles; that she has been several times in his company in the way of her business, at Mrs. Murray's in St. James's Place, and at his lodgings at a stocking-shop, in Pall Mall; but the name of the person who kept the shop she knows not.

To the third interrogatory this respondent saith, that she maintains herself by letting of lodgings, and in the millinery way, and by selling of wax-candles; and has so done for upwards of seven years.

To the fifth interrogatory she saith, that Mrs. Eleanor Judith Diotigardi, by the desire of Lady Mary and her friends, did consult with this respondent about the commencement of this cause; and desired this respondent to watch Mr. Fitzgerald's transactions,



transactions, and was promised to be made amends for her trouble in so doing.

A. BEGER.

November 22d, 1753.

*The Deposition of Louisa Turner.*

LOUISA TURNER, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, widow, aged thirty-four years, deposeth and saith, that she very well knows George Fitzgerald, Esq; the party in this cause, but does not know the Right Hon. Lady Mary Fitzgerald, the other party: that, on Thursday the eleventh of October last, the said George Fitzgerald came to this deponent's father's house (whose name is William Scott) in Cleveland-row, with Diana Diamond, who then did, and now does lodge there; and, immediately after they so came into it (being then between seven and eight o'clock in the evening) they went up stairs together; and upon the said Mrs. Diamond's bell ringing, this deponent went into her room, (Mrs. Diamond's

mond's maid being then washing below stairs) and there saw Mr. Fitzgerald pulling off his breeches, and Mrs. Diamond in bed; and Mr. Fitzgerald, upon seeing this deponent, got upon the bed, and thereupon this deponent left the room; and the said bell immediately rang again, and then this deponent went into the room, and there saw Mr. Fitzgerald and Diana Diamond in one and the same bed together, naked except their linen; and Diana Diamond, then speaking to this deponent bid her bring an handkerchief to tie over Mr. Fitzgerald's head; and this deponent fetched one, and gave it to Mrs. Diamond; and then Mrs. Diamond ordered her to bring a bottle of water, which she did, and gave it to Mr. Fitzgerald; and Mrs. Diamond, then speaking to Mr. Fitzgerald, said, "Mr. Fitzgerald, will you please to have any thing else? or, do you want to have any thing else?" And Mr. Fitzgerald answered, "No."—And then this deponent left them in bed together alone, and took out the candle; and Mr. Fitzgerald continued with Mrs. Diamond till after ten o'clock the next morning: that, since that time, this deponent has several times seen Mr. Fitzgerald, at her said father's house,



house, in order to visit Mrs. Diamond : that she knows nothing concerning the exhibits, so as to depose thereto; neither does she know Mr. Fitzgerald's handwriting; but she believes the words, *Mr. Fitzgerald's compliments to Mrs. Diamond*, wrote on the exhibit marked A, were meant and intended the compliments of George Fitzgerald, Esq; to Mrs. Diamond; and, by the superscription on the exhibit marked B, to wit—*A Madam la Comtesse de*—she verily believes was meant and intended the said Diana Diamond.

This deponent further saith, that the said Diana Diamond was, and is, as this deponent believes, a person of unchaste and incontinent life and conversation, and gets her livelihood by being unchaste; and for such a person she was and is, as this deponent verily believes commonly accounted by people who know her. She further says, that she does not know Lady Mary Fitzgerald, and that she believes George Fitzgerald, Esq; party in this cause, lives in St. James's Place, in the county of Middlesex.

*The same witness to interrogatories on behalf  
of George Fitzgerald, Esq;*

To the first interrogatory, she saith, that she came to be a witness in this cause, at the request of her fellow-witness, Mrs. Beger : that she has not, nor does she expect to receive any thing for her evidence in this cause, but imagines she shall be satisfied for her loss of time.

To the second interrogatory, she answers, that she never saw Mr. Fitzgerald, to her knowledge, till the day she saw him at her father's house, as before deposed, viz. in the month of October last, when he came to the said Diana Diamond : that she was no ways acquainted with him, and never was in his company : that she has known Diana Diamond about a year and three quarters, and came to know her by her then coming to lodge at this deponent's father's house, as before deposed ; but has had no acquaintance with her till within these ten weeks, since which time this deponent has lived with her father.

To the third interrogatory, this respondent saith, that she maintains herself by her needle, and has so done above these



two years; and, before that, she maintained herself by keeping a public-house in Leicester Fields, for upwards of three years.

December 10th, 1753.

*The Deposition of John Murray.*

JOHN MURRAY, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, gentleman, aged forty-three years, deposeth and saith, that he very well knows the Right Hon. Lady Mary Fitzgerald, party in this cause, and also knows George Fitzgerald, Esq; her husband, the other party in this cause: that in the month of November, 1752, Lady Mary Fitzgerald came to lodge at this deponent's house in St. James's Place, and continued there till the month of May last, when the court went to Kensington; and, during the time Lady Mary lodged at this deponent's house, the Right Hon. George William, the present Earl of Bristol, her brother, frequently visited her there; and she always, during the said time, and now is, as this deponent verily

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believes, a person of sober, modest, chaste, and virtuous life and conversation; and of a meek, mild, and affable temper and disposition, and was, and is generally reputed so to be by her friends, relations, and acquaintance.

He further deposeth and saith, that he knows nothing of the morals, temper, or disposition of the said George Fitzgerald, Esq; of his own knowledge, but has heard his servants say, that he very frequently abused his wife, the said Lady Mary.

He also deposeth and saith, that in, or about the month of December, 1752, Lady Mary withdrew herself, or left her said lodgings for about three weeks, but knows not whether it was on account of receiving any letter from Mr. Fitzgerald or not, or whether she did receive any such letter; but says she was then in an ill state of health.

This deponent further saith, that in about three weeks after Lady Mary withdrew herself from her said lodgings, in the month of December, 1752, she returned to them again, and Mr. Fitzgerald came with her, which was the first time this deponent ever saw Mr. Fitzgerald; and Lady Mary and her said husband continued to live and cohabit together at such lodgings,



ings, at this deponent's house, situated as aforesaid, until the month of February last, when Mr. Fitzgerald left his said wife there, and went, as this deponent believes, for Ireland, or elsewhere, absent from his said wife, until the month of September last.

He further deposeth and saith, that, between one and two o'clock in the morning of a day, happening in the month of January last, this deponent's servant, Lucy Richardson, and Lady Mary's maid, Elizabeth Stanley, came into this deponent's back parlour, where he lay, and was then in bed; and the said Elizabeth Stanley, then speaking to this deponent, said, *For God's sake, Mr. Murray, get up, for I am afraid Mr. Fitzgerald will do my lady some mischief, for he is bitching her, and calling her names, and has been so all day long (meaning the day before) and she is now crying a-bed*; or the said Elizabeth Stanley then expressed herself to the same effect and purpose: upon which this deponent got up, and went into his yard, into which the said Lady Mary's bed-chamber looked, and there heard Mr. Fitzgerald's voice, but could not distinguish what he said, or whether he was in a passion or not; and this deponent, after staying some short

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time in the said yard, came into his own parlour or bed-room again, which was under Lady Mary's bed-chamber, and sat up till five o'clock the said morning; and, from between one and two o'clock, till that time, heard somebody (whom he believes to have been Mr. Fitzgerald) walking backwards and forwards over this deponent's head. He further saith, that he sat up, as aforesaid, at the desire of Lady Mary's maid, and lest Mr. Fitzgerald should do his lady any mischief.

This deponent further saith, that he knows nothing of Diana Diamond, and that he never saw Mr. Fitzgerald write but once, therefore he cannot depose to his hand-writing.

He also saith, that in the month of September last, Mr. Fitzgerald came over from Ireland to England, to this deponent's house, with the articulate Frances Royrand, and a child of the said Mr. Fitzgerald's—Mr. Fitzgerald in one post-chaise, and the said Frances Royrand and the child in another—And Mr. Fitzgerald then asked for his lady; upon which this deponent delivered him a letter from Lady Mary, who was then at Kensington; and Mr. Fitzgerald, as this deponent believes, went there, and in a few days came again  
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to this deponent's house, together with the said child, and the said Frances Royrand, and told this deponent he should stay two or three days in the said Lady Mary's lodgings, (which lodgings her ladyship had paid for till the 17th of November, 1753) and they consisted of a dining-room, a middle-room, a bed-chamber, and a dressing-room, with a bed up two pair of stairs for an upper servant: that there is no way into the bed-chamber and dressing-room, without going through the middle-room: that Mr. Fitzgerald, and his said son, and Frances Royrand, continued all of them to lodge at this deponent's house, till the latter end of September, or beginning of October last, when the said Frances Royrand, and the child, left the said lodgings, and had lodgings taken for them some where else; but where this deponent cannot say, nor on what account they left this deponent's lodgings, but Mr. Fitzgerald continued there till the seventeenth of November following: that, during the time Mr. Fitzgerald, his son, and his servant Frances Royrand, lodged at this deponent's house, Mr. Fitzgerald lay in the bed-chamber within the middle-room, as aforesaid, and the said Francis Royrand and the

the child lay in the said middle-room; but this deponent knows of no indecencies or familiarities between Mr. Fitzgerald and Frances Royrand, nor what wages she had, or whether they were raised or not. He further saith, that Lady Mary is in a very bad state of health, but whether it is occasioned by her husband's behaviour or not, he knows not.

*The same witness to interrogatories on behalf of George Fitzgerald, Esq;*

To the first, the paper interrogatory, marked No. 1. dated Friday night, being shewn to the witness, he saith, that he never, before now, saw the contents of the said paper, but verily believes it to be a letter he received by Mr. Fitzgerald's footman, William Scott, under a cover, directed to this respondent, to deliver it to Mr. Fitzgerald when he came to the respondent's house; and, the next day after this respondent received the same, being on a Saturday, in the month of September last, Mr. Fitzgerald did come to this respondent's house in a post-chaise, and this respondent then delivered the said letter now shewn to him (as he believes



believes it to be) to Mr. Fitzgerald, as he sat in the post-chaise at this respondent's door, and he then read the said letter, and told this respondent he must go and dine at Kensington.

To the second interrogatory he saith, (having first looked upon the papers marked No. 1, 2, 3, and 4) that he hath often seen Lady Mary write, and by that means became well acquainted with her manner and character of hand-writing, and that the said letters marked No. 1, 2 and 4, and also the superscription on the cover of a letter also marked 2; and the paper marked 3, beginning thus—*The CHARACTERISTICS of a Hervey*, and ending *conceit*, are all of the proper hand-writing of Lady Mary Fitzgerald, as this respondent verily believes.

To the third interrogatory he saith, that when the ministrant went to Ireland, as he did in February last, he left the said Lady Mary at her lodgings at this respondent's house, where she continued till the month of May following: that, in the month of August last, this respondent gave Lady Mary warning to quit the said lodgings against the seventeenth of November following, when her year was up; and otherwise

otherwise this respondent knows not to answer.

To the fourth he answers, that Elizabeth Stanley, whilst Mr. Fitzgerald was last in Ireland, came into this respondent's back parlour in Mr. Fitzgerald's cloaths, and has heard that she was frequently dressed so.

To the fifth he answers, that he never had any reason to complain of Mrs. Stanley except once, whilst she was at this respondent's house with Lady Mary Fitzgerald, and that was denying what she had said to this deponent in her lady's name, in relation to this respondent's expecting to be paid for Mr. Fitzgerald and his servant's lodging, whilst they were at this respondent's house, contrary to the agreement made between this respondent and Lady Mary.

To the sixth this respondent saith, that in the month of January last, about one o'clock in the morning, of a day happening in the said month, this respondent was called up, out of his bed, by Elizabeth Stanley, on account of a quarrel, as she said, between Mr. Fitzgerald and Lady Mary; and this respondent then heard Mr. Fitzgerald's voice, but could not tell what he said, or whether he was in a passion  
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or not, and heard somebody walking backwards and forwards in Lady Mary's bed-chamber, from that time till five o'clock in the morning; and believes it was Mr. Fitzgerald.

To the seventh interrogatory he saith, that Mrs. Royrand never lay at this respondent's house, when Lady Mary was there.

To the eight interrogatory, this respondent having looked upon the letter marked No. 4, saith that he doth in his conscience believe, that Lady Mary doth not believe the charge of adultery between Mr. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Royrand to be true.

To the ninth this respondent saith, that he looks upon Mrs. Royrand to be nearer sixty than fifty years of age, and has heard that she had the care of the said Lady Mary and her sisters.

To the twelfth interrogatory this respondent saith, that Mrs. Royrand never lay at this respondent's house till the month of September last; and Lady Fitzgerald left this respondent's lodgings to go to Kensington for her health, in the month of May proceeding; and never lay at this respondent's house afterwards; neither did Mr. Fitzgerald lay

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at this respondent's house after the month of February last, till the month of September following.

JOHN MURRAY.

*December 11th, 1753.*

*The Deposition of Catherine Murray.*

CATHERINE MURRAY, wife of John Murray, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, gentleman, aged about fifty-one years, deposeth and saith, that the Right Hon. Lady Mary Fitzgerald, party in this cause, took lodgings by the year at this deponent's house in St. James's Place, on the sixteenth of November, 1752, and continued to lodge there till May following, when the royal family went to Kensington; and, during the time Lady Mary lodged at the deponent's house, she was visited by her brother, the present Earl of Bristol, Lady Lessel Philips her sister, and others; and, during all the time she lodged at this deponent's house, she behaved herself as, and now is, a person of a sober, modest, chaste, and virtuous life  
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and conversation; and of a meek and affable temper and disposition; and is so generally reputed and taken to be, by her friends, relations and acquaintance; and this deponent does not know a better woman.

She further deposeth and saith, that she has several times been in company with George Fitzgerald, Esq; the other party in this cause, but she is an entire stranger to his character.

She also saith, that in or about the beginning of December, 1752, Lady Mary withdrew herself from, or left her lodgings at this deponent's house, for about a fortnight or three weeks, and went, as this deponent believes, somewhere into the country, she being then in a bad state of health; but where she went, or whether she received such letter as articulate from Mr. Fitzgerald, this deponent cannot say.

He further saith, that in about a fortnight or three weeks after Lady Mary had absented herself from her said lodgings, as before-mentioned, she returned to them again, and Mr. Fitzgerald, her husband came with her; which was the first time this deponent ever saw Mr. Fitzgerald; and Lady Mary and her husband

continued to live and cohabit together there, until the month of February following; when Mr. Fitzgerald left his said wife there, and went, as this deponent believes, for Ireland; and continued there or elsewhere from his said wife, as this deponent believes, till the month of September last.

This deponent further saith, that she never was in company with the said Lady Mary, and her said husband together, but saith, that in or about the month of January last, about one o'clock in the morning of a day happening in the said month (this deponent and her husband John Murray being in bed, in a room under Lady Mary's bed-chamber) this deponent's maid Lucy Richardson, and Elizabeth Stanley Lady Mary's maid, came into this deponent's room; and Elizabeth Stanley then, speaking to the deponent's said husband, said these, or the like words, *viz. For God's sake get up; for there's Mr. Fitzgerald abusing my lady, and calling her bitch; and I am afraid he'll do her some mischief.* And this deponent's husband immediately got up, and sat up till four or five o'clock the said morning. This deponent also saith, that after Elizabeth Stanley came into the deponent's said room,  
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as aforesaid, she heard Mr. Fitzgerald's voice, but could not tell what he said, or whether he was in a passion or not; and heard somebody walking over her head for about two hours.

She further saith, that she never saw Mr. Fitzgerald write, nor ever heard of the name of Diana Diamond, till this the time of her examination.

This deponent further saith, that, in the month of September last, Mr. Fitzgerald came to this deponent's house in a post-chaise by himself, and Frances Royrand, and a son of Mr. Fitzgerald's in another post-chaise; and finding lady Mary was not there, but at Kensington, drove there immediately, as this deponent believes; and, in about two or three days, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Royrand, and the said child came again to this deponent's house, to the lodgings of the said Lady Mary, and told this deponent that he should continue there but a few days: that the said lodgings consisted of a dining-room, a middle, a bed-chamber, and a dressing-room, with a bed-room up two pair of stairs for an upper servant, where Lady Mary's maid used to lay: that there is no way into the bed-chamber where Lady Mary used to lay, without going through

through the middle-room: that Mrs. Royrand, during the time she stayed at this deponent's house, lay in the said middle-room, and Mr. Fitzgerald in Lady Mary's room; but this deponent knows nothing of any indecencies or familiarities between the said Frances Royrand and Mr. Fitzgerald; neither does she know or believe they ever lay together; if she had, she saith that they should not have continued so long in her house as they did: that this deponent did tell the said Mrs. Royrand, the Wednesday after she came to this deponent's house, that she did not think the said middle-room a proper place to lay in, as there was only a turn-up bed for a servant, in case of a master or mistress being ill, and there were no curtains to it; but Mrs. Royrand said it would do very well, for they should not stay above two or three days: that some time in the month of October last, Mrs. Royrand went away from this deponent's house with the said child, but where they went she cannot say; but, before Mr. Fitzgerald quitted the said lodgings, which was on or about the nineteenth of November last, Mrs. Royrand and the said child came again to the said lodgings, and stayed two nights, and lay up two pair of stairs



stairs in Lady Mary's maid's room. This deponent further saith, that she never had any bad opinion of Mrs. Royrand, nor ever had any reason, and never saw her till September last.

*The same Witness on Interrogatories on behalf  
of George Fitzgerald, Esq;*

To the first interrogatory, the paper marked No. 1, being shewn to the witness, she saith, that she never, to her knowledge, saw the contents of the said paper, but believes it to be a letter which Lady Mary directed this deponent's husband to give to Mr. Fitzgerald; and her husband did give Mr. Fitzgerald the said letter, as she believes it to be, on Mr. Fitzgerald's coming to this respondent's house when he last came from Ireland, which letter was sent by Lady Mary's footman, William Scott, either on the day Mr. Fitzgerald so came, as aforesaid, to this respondent's house, or the day before, she does not remember which.

To the second interrogatory this respondent saith, that she hath received some cards from Lady Fitzgerald, and by that means became well acquainted with her character

character and manner of hand-writing, but never, to her knowledge, saw her write; and now, having seen and carefully viewed the several exhibits marked No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, saith, that she verily believes the said papers to be all of them of the hand-writing of Lady Mary Fitzgerald, party in this cause, except an indorsement on the back of No. 4, containing an account of some bank notes, and these words, also wrote on the back of the said letter, *June the 30th, 1752, Lady Mary Fitzgerald*; and except the several numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4, made on each of the said exhibits.

To the third interrogatory, she saith, that when the ministrant went to Ireland, as he did in February last, as this respondent believes, he left Lady Mary in her said lodgings at this respondent's house, where she continued till May following: that this respondent never had any care of the said lodgings during the time Lady Mary was possessed of them.

To the fourth she saith, that during the time Mr. Fitzgerald was last in Ireland, and whilst Lady Mary lodged at this respondent's house, and when Lady Mary was from home, she did once see Elizabeth Stanley in men's apparel, and she  
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came so dressed-into this respondent's parlour.

To the ninth interrogatory she saith, that she looks upon Mrs. Royrand, to be of the age of about fifty-four or fifty-five, and has heard that she had the care of the producent and her sisters.

CATHERINE MURRAY.

*December 12th, 1753.*

*The Deposition of Lucy Richardson.*

LUCY RICHARDSON, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, spinster, aged about forty years, deposeth and saith, that she very well knows the Right Honourable Lady Mary Fitzgerald, and her husband, George Fitzgerald, Esq; the parties in this cause: that she lives as a servant with John Murray in St. James's Place, and has so done for about thirteen or fourteen years: that Lady Mary Fitzgerald came to lodge at this deponent's master's house the sixteenth of November, 1752; which lodging she took by the year for herself and three servants,

vants, and continued to inhabit the said lodgings (except for about three weeks when she was in the country for the sake of her health) till the month of May following, when she went with the Royal Family to Kensington: that the Lady Mary always was, from the time of this deponent's first knowledge of her, and now is, as this deponent verily believes, a person of a sober, modest, chaste, and virtuous life and conversation, and of a meek, mild, and affable temper and disposition; and is so esteemed, as this deponent verily believes, by every body that knows her; and this deponent believes she deserves such a character: she also believes her to be the natural and lawful sister of the present Earl of Bristol.

She further saith, that she knows little or nothing of the character of Mr. Fitzgerald, except from his own servants, who give him the character of being a very passionate man, and that he was for ever abusing his lady, and kept very bad hours.

She also deposeth and saith, that about three weeks after Lady Mary came to the lodgings, as aforesaid, at this deponent's said master's house, Lady Mary withdrew herself from them, and went, as this deponent believes, to Sion Hill, in the county



ty of Middlesex, as she said, on account of her health, where she stayed about three weeks, but whether she had received any letter from Mr. Fitzgerald this deponent cannot say.

She further saith, that in about three weeks after Lady Mary Fitzgerald went to Sion Hill, she returned to her said lodgings at this deponent's master's house, and her husband, Mr. Fitzgerald, came with her; and they continued to lodge together there, till in or about the month of February, 1753, when Mr. Fitzgerald went to Ireland, as this deponent believes; and, during the time Lady Fitzgerald and her husband so lived together, this deponent several times heard the said Mr. Fitzgerald quarrelling or scolding at the said Lady Mary; but what was said she knows not, being unable to hear more than the sound of his voice, which she very well knew: and particularly in the month of January last, about twelve o'clock, in a night happening in that month, as she believes the time to be, Elizabeth Stanley (Lady Mary's maid) came to this deponent, and desired her to let her speak to her master, Mr. Murray; and, when this deponent told her he was gone to bed, she still desired to speak with

with him ; and, at the same time, told this deponent, that she believed Mr. Fitzgerald would murder her lady before morning ; whereupon this deponent opened her master's bed-chamber door, where he and this deponent's mistress were then in bed ; and Mrs. Stanley, then in the deponent's presence and hearing, speaking to this deponent's master, said these or the like words, viz. " I ask your pardon, " Sir, for disturbing you at this time of " night, but, for God's sake, get up, Sir, " —I am afraid Mr. Fitzgerald will do " my lady some mischief, for he has been " damning and bitching her the whole " evening." Upon which this deponent's said master got up, and went into the yard, where Lady Mary's bed-chamber window looked into ; and this deponent and Mrs. Stanley went with her said master into the yard, and they could plainly hear Mr. Fitzgerald's voice, (which this deponent very well knew), as in a passion, but what he said she could not hear : that there was, and now is, a ladder in the said yard, and Mrs. Stanley said she would get up upon it, and look into the window,

LUCY RICHARDSON,



13th December, 1753

*The Deposition of Elizabeth Stanley.*

ELIZABETH STANLEY, of the parish of St. James, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, spinster, aged about twenty eight years, deposeth and saith, that she has frequently heard Mr. Fitzgerald abuse the said Lady Mary in a barbarous and cruel manner, by cursing and swearing at her, and calling her by the name of whore and bitch; and he has frequently sat up late at night abusing her ladyship, which caused or gave her ladyship great uneasiness; and this deponent does not know, neither does she believe her ladyship gave Mr. Fitzgerald any the least cause for such behaviour.

This deponent further saith, that in, or about the month of July, 1752, at which time her ladyship lodged at the house of Mr. Bartlett, in St. James's-street, in the county of Middlesex, her ladyship did receive a letter, which this deponent believes came from the said George Fitzgerald, Esq; upon the reading of which, her ladyship

ship seemed to be very uneasy, though she did not mention the cause thereof to this deponent, but immediately quitted her said lodgings, and went to the Earl of Bristol's, at Johnworth, in the County of Suffolk, as this deponent believes, and left this deponent at her said lodgings: that in about five or six Weeks afterwards, her ladyship again returned to her said lodgings, where she stayed some little time; and then, on the 17th of November, 1752, her ladyship, with this deponent, went to lodgings her ladyship had taken at Mr. Murray's, in St. James's Place afore said: that after her ladyship and this deponent had been at the said Mrs. Murray's a few days, George Fitzgerald, Esq; came there to enquire for her ladyship, which was the first time this deponent ever saw the said Mr. Fitzgerald, and at that time did not know who he was; but her ladyship had given orders to be denied to any body, except her own family, which this deponent knew: and her ladyship had before told this deponent, that she was in expectation of Mr. Fitzgerald coming over from Ireland, which greatly alarmed and terrified her; and also told her of his former ill usage of her; whereupon this deponent did deny her said ladyship's being there; and Mr. Fitzgerald went



went away after some little blustering, but did not say who he was.

This deponent further saith, that one evening, happening, as this deponent best remembers, in the month of January last, early in the evening, Mr. Fitzgerald came home to the lodgings at Mr. Murray's; and, without any provocation that this deponent knows of, put himself into a great passion, and called the said Lady Mary several opprobrious names, such as bitch and whore; and behaved in so riotous a manner, that he was overheard, not only by this deponent, but by the family where they so lodged; and the same night, between twelve and one o'clock, this deponent being then watching the said Mr. Fitzgerald, lest he should do her ladyship some mischief; and this deponent being then on the stairs, and the dining-room door being then open, saw Mr. Fitzgerald take down his sword, which hung up in the said dining-room, and look at it, but on what intent she cannot say, and he laid it down on the table in the dining-room; at which time Lady Mary was in bed in the bed-chamber, on the same floor; and the said Mr. Fitzgerald was then, as he continued till five o'clock in the morning, abusing her said ladyship; and, after he had so taken down his sword, he

he went into the bed-chamber, and shut the door, but did not take the sword with him, and was still overheard by this deponent abusing his said lady; whereupon this deponent called up Mr. Murray (he being in bed) and told him she was afraid Mr. Fitzgerald would do Lady Mary some mischief; and Mr. Murray then got up, and sat up till four or five o'clock the said morning, lest any mischief should happen; as did this deponent till Mr. Fitzgerald was quiet, which was between five and six o'clock in the morning: but, before she went to bed, being informed by Mr. Murray, that there was a ladder in the yard, into which Lady Mary's room-window looked, the deponent raised the ladder against such window, and went up it, and looked into the room; and, at that time, Mr. Fitzgerald was sitting by the fire, and was still abusing her ladyship, as this deponent believes; but this deponent cannot say she then could hear what he said. And this deponent saith, that whilst Lady Mary and her said husband so lived together, at the said lodgings (the particular time she cannot set forth) Mr. Fitzgerald declared, in this deponent's presence, that he would do enough to teaze and worry her, meaning Lady Mary, to death; and yet he would keep within the bounds



bounds of the law; and, at another time, he declared, in the deponent's presence, during the time of their living together at the said lodgings, that Lady Mary must be a fool, ever to expect to live an easy moment so long as he lived. She further saith, that her said ladyship was, by her said husband's behaviour, under great terror, and perpetual fears and apprehensions of the said Mr. Fitzgerald's doing her some mischief.

She also saith, that Lady Mary Fitzgerald, by reason of Mr. Fitzgerald's ill usage of her, has suffered very much in her health, and this deponent does not think it safe for her to live with him.

ELIZABETH STANLEY.

December 15th, 1753.

*The Deposition of Robert James.*

ROBERT JAMES, of the parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the county of Middlesex, doctor in physic, aged about forty-four years, deposeth and saith, that on or about the seventeenth of July last, this deponent was sent for as a physician, to attend upon Lady Mary Fitzgerald,

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and accordingly did attend upon her ladyship, at her lodgings at Kensington, from that time to six weeks or two months, off and on: that her distemper, at first, was a violent fever; and when that left her, he was apprehensive her ladyship was going into a consumption; and, during the time he so visited her, he had frequent messages of enquiry about her health, by a domestic of the Princess Carolina's, as he believes such person was; and he told such domestic, or her ladyship's woman, or both, that he had great reason to believe that her ladyship's mind was affected; and that she had some affliction which greatly interfered with her recovery; upon which this deponent was informed that her ladyship was under the greatest terror, lest her husband, who was soon expected from Ireland, should take her forcibly away, and treat her very ill, as he had frequently before done, as this deponent was informed: that the premises were in some measure confirmed to this deponent by Lady Mary, though with great tenderness; and this deponent then told the people about her, that if Mr. Fitzgerald was suffered to behave in that manner, all the medicines must be ineffectual.

R. JAMES.  
N. B.



N. B. The next is the deposition of the Hon. Anne Hervey, wife of Thomas Hervey, Esq; which deposition relates only to the virtue and chastity of Lady Mary Fitzgerald, which has been already sufficiently proved.

The Hon. Frederick Hervey, Esq; next deposes to the same effect.

The Right Hon. Mary, Countess of Shelburne, deposes to the same effect, and that Lady Mary Fitzgerald is really the grand-daughter of the late John Earl of Bristol, daughter of the Right Hon. John Lord Hervey, and sister to the present Earl of Bristol.

*The Deposition of Charles Reily.*

CHARLES REILY, of the city of Dublin, surgeon, aged about thirty years, deposeth and saith, that he has known Lady Mary Fitzgerald for about two years past. And has been acquainted with George Fitzgerald, Esq; husband of Lady Mary Fitzgerald, for several years past; the deponent saith that he is a surgeon, and follows that business; and saith that, about two years ago, to the best of his remembrance as to the time, the said George Fitzgerald, Esq; (who was then in the city of Dublin) sent  
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to the deponent to go to him, whereupon the deponent went to the said George to his house in Dawson-street: and, upon the deponent's going to him, he told the deponent he had got a disorder; and saith that thereupon the deponent examined the said George, and found that he had contracted a pox, or the venereal disease; and saith that, by the advice of Dr. Machonchy, and of the deponent, the said George Fitzgerald did undergo a salivation for the cure of the said disease: the deponent further saith, that he does not know whether the said George Fitzgerald requested the said Lady Mary Fitzgerald to attend upon him, while he was under such salivation, or not; or whether he made any promise of amendment to the said Lady Mary or not; but the deponent saith that, during the course of the deponent's visiting the said George in such salivation, the deponent generally saw Lady Mary in the room with the said George; and the said Lady Mary at all such times as the deponent saw her with the said George, behaved towards him in a careful, fond, and affectionate manner.

**C. REILY.**

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